

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An attachable rod ignition coil with an ignition coil component having comprising:  
a spark plug receptacle for fastening on a spark plug, and  
~~characterized in that~~  
a shock-absorbing element, ~~(17)~~ is mounted in the area of the spark plug receptacle ~~[(25)]~~ of the ignition coil component ~~[(24)]~~.
2. (Currently Amended) An attachable rod ignition coil ~~[[with]]~~ comprising:  
an ignition coil component, ~~[[and]]~~  
an adapter with spark plug receptacle for fastening on a spark plug, and  
~~characterized in that~~  
a shock-absorbing element ~~(14, 17, 23)~~ is mounted between the ignition coil component ~~[(4)]~~ and the adapter ~~[(2)]~~ and/or the adapter ~~[(2)]~~ and the spark plug receptacle ~~[(12)]~~.
3. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 2, wherein the adapter ~~[(2)]~~ and the ignition coil component ~~[(4)]~~ are movable relative to each other along a damping path in the axial direction.
4. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 2 ~~[[or 3]]~~, further comprising a plug socket wherein there is configured on the adapter ~~[(2)]~~ or on the ignition coil component ~~(4)~~ ~~a plug socket (11)~~ into which a diametrically opposite correspondingly configured plug section ~~[(6)]~~ of the respective other component may be inserted.
5. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 2 ~~[[to 4]]~~, wherein the shock-absorbing element ~~[(17)]~~ or optionally a second shock-absorbing element is mounted in the area of the spark plug receptacle ~~[(12)]~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 2 [[to 5]], wherein the adapter [[(2)]] ~~may be~~ is made of a metal or a metal alloy, ~~a brass alloy in particular.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 2, wherein the shock-absorbing element ~~(14, 17, 23)~~ may undergo deformation accompanied by dissipation of energy as the rod ignition coil [[(1)]] is mounted on the spark plug [[(3)]].

8. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 2 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the shock-absorbing element ~~(14, 17, 23)~~ is mounted axially in true alignment.

9. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 2 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the shock-absorbing element ~~(14, 17)~~ ~~consists of one of the materials~~ comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, rubber, silicon, metal, ceramic, and sintered material; ~~or a combination of these materials.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 2 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the shock-absorbing element ~~(14, 17)~~ is electrically conductive.

11. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 2 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the shock-absorbing element ~~(14, 17)~~ is configured as a disk or roller.

12. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim ~~one of claims 2~~ [[to 10]], wherein the shock-absorbing element is configured as a pressure spring [[(23)]].

13. (Currently Amended) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 12, wherein one end of the pressure spring [[(23)]] is inserted or may be inserted into a recess in the ignition coil component [[(4)]] and the other end is inserted or may be inserted into a recess in the adapter [[(2)]].

14. (New) The rod ignition coil as claimed in claim 6, wherein the adapter is made of a brass alloy.